

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please enter the following amendments to the specification. In, the following amendments, changes are shown with deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined. The following amendments are made by way of replacement paragraphs.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 26 and ending on page 4, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph:

In the embodiment of Figure 1 and (Figure 5), four cables 40, 50, 60 and 70 pass between regions 20 and 30. Other numbers of cables will be suitable for use in the invention. In this ~~examples-example~~, the cables 40-70 are optical fibers, each with a silica or other suitable core 42, 52, etc. (see Figures 1 and 2-4), and each with a conventional cladding layer, coating or buffer material 44, 54, 64 and 74, respectively. This coating may be acrylate or another suitable coating.